

***Business Area #8:
Massachusetts Avenue
Corridor***

Boundaries: bordered by Kirkland Street, the Somerville Line, the B&M Railroad, Sherman Street, Garden Street, Waterhouse Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridge Street

Major areas of Business, Retail, and Industrial concentration include: retail shops, restaurants and offices between 1540 to 1880 Massachusetts Avenue, businesses and offices on Garden, Sherman and Oxford Streets.



1500-1900 Massachusetts Avenue

Six of the eight **commercial robberies** in the Mass Ave Corridor in 2003 were at banks in the 1700 to 1800 blocks of this main thoroughfare. The FBI has made an arrest and linked a Medford man to a pair of the robberies. In all six of the bank robberies, no weapon was shown and a threatening note demanding cash was passed to the teller. The two other commercial robberies in the Corridor in 2003 were of a convenience store in June and a drug store in October. • The total of three **commercial burglaries** in Business District # 8 is the lowest total accrued for this area in 25 years. There has not been a significant commercial burglary pattern in this area since 1997. The two commercial breaks in the final two quarters of 2003 were at a bookstore and laundromat. • Twenty of the 42 **larcenies from buildings** occurred at a Mass Ave health club. Incidents were concentrated between 11:00am and 2:00pm. In all of the thefts, the perpetrator entered both locked and unlocked lockers and stole credit cards that were quickly used at area businesses. The arrest of a Somerville resident in February of 2004 may alleviate this problem. This subject has been linked to a series of similar crimes throughout the east coast. • **Shoplifting** has never been a major problem in the Mass Ave Corridor. In 2003, there were fewer than 10 shopliftings recorded here for the third consecutive year. • **Larceny from persons** decreased by six incidents in 2003 with fewer thefts of unattended purses in area supermarkets reported than in past years. •

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Larceny from Building	33	31	29	34	42
Larceny from Person	12	9	10	17	11
Commercial Burglary	7	8	6	6	3
Commercial Robbery	4	0	3	3	8
Shoplifting	8	12	9	8	9
Fraud/Flim	14	21	27	29	36
Flam/Counterfeiting					